

Salt River Fire Department EMS Policies and Procedures

ALS Recertification



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to clearly outline the process for an advanced life support (ALS)-certified provider to follow to maintain certification.

POLICY STATEMENT

Maintaining a valid Arizona certification as an emergency medical technician-paramedic is the responsibility of the individual member. EMS staff as outlined in this procedure will provide support, guidance, and record keeping.

PROCEDURE

1. Every two years each Salt River Fire Department paramedic is required by Arizona Department of Health Services to accrue at least 60 hours of continuing education credit. Nationally recognized certification requires at least 72 hours of continuing education credit and although maintaining this status is encouraged, it is not mandated by the State of Arizona or the Salt River Fire Department.
2. Each year the Salt River Fire Department sponsors on each shift: ACLS, PALS, CPR, and PHTLS. The department also provides a yearly PEPP course and the EMS faculty provides approved monthly continuing education to meet the 48 hours of the refresher course. These classes are offered on a voluntary basis for the personnel of the Salt River Fire Department. If the paramedic does not attend these continuing education classes they may take an accredited paramedic refresher at their own expense.
3. The Salt River Fire EMS battalion chief will perform all notification and record keeping. At 120 days prior to the individual certification expiration date and again at 60 days prior to that date, the EMS Section will notify providers of the pending expiration. At this time providers are encouraged to make an appointment with the EMS battalion chief to assist in the completion of their Recertification application.

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4. The process for recertification is now completed on-line through DHS and NAEMT. Each paramedic is required to establish an on-line account with these agencies. These agencies require very specific areas of continuing education and the EMS battalion chief keeps the records/rosters of the continuing education classes and the paramedic prior to recertification is to contact the EMS battalion chief by e-mail and request the number of hours and subjects on file.
5. If the paramedic has not obtained the required hours and the required subject matters outlined by DHS and the NAEMT the paramedic may be required to take an accredited paramedic refresher. Once the paramedic has met the requirements of DHS and NAEMT the individual completes the on-line registration. If the paramedic is audited the EMS battalion chief will provide the documents on hand for that individual. Failure to provide accurate information in regards to hours and subject matters can result in loss of certification.

STANDARD

DHS Rules and Regulations